

## THE SLOVENIAN NETWORK OF HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS - SNHPS

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## THE SLOVENIAN NETWORK OF HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS - SNHPS

- Start in the year 1993 12 pilot schools
- Support of Ministry of Health in Ministry of Education
- National Institute of Public (NIJZ) national supportive centre and national coordinator
- 9 Regional Institutes of Public Health (NIJZ OE) regional coordinators – from the year 2008



### Disseminations

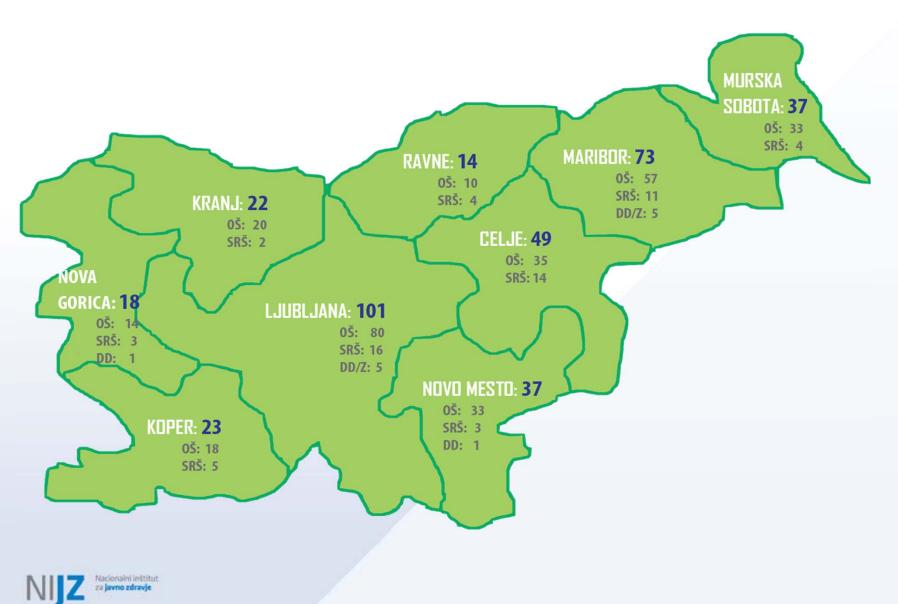




### SNHPS 1993 - 2019



398 schools (61 % of all PS and SS): 323 PS (71 %); 62 SS (34 %); 10 D (28%), 3 Institutions





#### THE CHARACTERISTICS OF SNHPS

- In-service trainings of HP/HE for teachers
- School team at every HPS (headmaster, teacher, student, parent, local community, health sector)
- Systematically planning and evaluation, following the goals of SHE and national guidance
- Education at regional meetings with school leaders 3 times/year (a unified program for all regions)
- The leading theme for school year
- National Meeting of SNHPS: Festival of Good Practices –
   (7th of November 2018); <a href="https://www.nijz.si/sl/nacionalni-posvet-zdravih-sol-zrece-711-2018">https://www.nijz.si/sl/nacionalni-posvet-zdravih-sol-zrece-711-2018</a>

### Tools and materials for HP



#### English material (all translated):

Open Society Institute (manuals: Alcohol, Tobacco, Healthy Eating, Physical activities, Sex Education), 1995, workshops, seminars

Promoting Mental and Emotional health in the European Network of Health promoting Schools (manual, translation 1995 and 2005), workshops 1995-2016 at regional meetings and in schools

Promotion of Health of young people (1994, translation 1998)

SHE Online School Manual, SHE School Action Planner, SHE Rapid Assessment Tool – Criterias for HPS (more detailed and adapted to our situation), translation 2015, workshops at regional meetings, action plan relating to different topics

SHE Factsheets 1-3, other materials, 2010-2017, Newsletters 2018-2019, <a href="https://www.schoolsforhealth.org/">https://www.schoolsforhealth.org/</a>, promoted and disseminated to SNHPS



### Tools and materials for HP







A lot of **seminars** (mental health, better communication between teachers-children- parents, non-bulling, mediation, healthy eating, physical activities, healthy life-style...).

Let's Promote Non-smoking – a manual and worksheets (4th-9th grade), 2000, seminars for teachers Alcohol? Parents Have Influence! – a manual and booklet for parents, 2001, seminars for teachers <a href="https://www.nijz.si/sl/publikacije/alkohol-starsi-lahko-vplivamo">https://www.nijz.si/sl/publikacije/alkohol-starsi-lahko-vplivamo</a>





Program To sem jaz! (That's Me! I Believe to Myself- a manual for teachers, a book for students -10 steps to better self-esteem, 2010 - 2015, workshops at regional meetings and in schools; <a href="http://www.tosemjaz.net/">http://www.tosemjaz.net/</a> - online counselling)



Coping With Stress - When Stress Stressed Teacher and Student (chapter Mindfulness), 2010 - 2015, a manual, workshops at regional meetings;

https://www.nijz.si/files/publikacije-datoteke/ko ucenca strese stres 2015.pdf



The Model of Healthy Life-Style, 2008-2013, 60 pilot lessons related to curriculum, www.zdravjevsoli.si

Health Through Art (a manual for teachers, guideliness how to talk with youngsters in classrooms about: mental health, healthy eating, eating disorders, sex education, physical activities, prevention of tobacco, alcohol and drug consumptions), 2016-2017, lectures at regional meetings. https://www.nijz.si/sl/oznake/zdravje-skozi-umetnost







#### Who is involved in the development of material, why and how?

Slovene experts who are working at NIJZ on the field of health and HP with other related experts (also from Faculties, Institutes, NGO, ...). Materials are tested at target population and then disseminated to SLO schools (at first to HPS).

#### Which criteria's do you use when selecting HPS tools, instruments, programs and why?

Programs have to be linked to current **public health issues** for children and adolescents (WHO, SHE, national guidelines, HBSC research, other research, evaluated programs ...).

Consultation with schools (contents, ideas, needs ...).

Experts who carry out education for teachers – for free of charch.

Evaluations of participants after each realisation of the seminar.



### Good practices and themes



Which themes and how these themes decided?

Every year we choose the leading theme.

It has to be linked to current public health issues for children and adolescents (international and national guidelines), mostly related to mental health, healthy eating, physical activities, healthy life-style...

Proposed by national and regional coordinators (National Advisory Board), discussed with leaders of HPS (at schools:1 task/per year should be related to the leading theme).

Schools choose also their **own tasks** related to health - depends of the school situation (needs, problems...).

The leading themes ...





#### THE LEADING THEMES

2000/01: Youth and Alcohol (The Message in The Bottle)

2001/02: Mental Health

2002/03: Physical Activity and Healthy Eating

2003/04: Physical Activity and Healthy Eating, Interpersonal Relations

2004/05: Intensive Work with Parents

2005/06: Quality of Leisure Time

2006/07: Mental Health, Physical Activity and Healthy Eating

2007/08: Healthy Life-Style

2008/09: Healthy under the Sun

2009/10: In Relationship to... (others, yourself, environment, life-style, health,

living ...)



#### THE LEADING THEMES



2010/11: In Relationship to...(continuation) 2011/12: In Relationship to... (continuation)

2012/13: Values

2013/14: Intergenerational Cooperation (NGO Simbioza) 2014/15: Mental Health (implementation of programmes:

Promotion of MH, That's me! Coping with Stress)

2015/16: Mental Health (continuation)

2016/17: Mental Health, Healthy Eating, Physical Activities

(support for National Program for healthy eating and physical

activities; manual for teachers Health Through Art)

2017/18: Mental Health, Healthy Eating, Physical Activities (continuation) 2018/19: Mental Health, Healthy Eating, Physical Activities (continuation)

2019/2020: \* Raising and Education for the Real and Digital World;

\* School's Approaches in Solving Problems with Psychoactive Substances



### Teacher's education and implementation

How do you work with implementation of school HP (channels, who is involved)?

In-service trainings of HP/HE for teachers (for free, 3-days, 8 h, 4h), also materials, manuals. They get certificats for progression in the school system.

Seminars for regional coordinators – education of educators.

Regular educational meetings with school leaders and regional coordinators (3-times/per year) - remarkable important!

School leaders transfer this knowledge, experience to colleagues in their schools (peer-teaching), transfer to children and parents.

Events in local communities, cooperation with NGO's, Health Centers, organisations and individuals - round tables, lectures, seminars, workshoops, etc.

Consulting, support, advises, informations ...from national and regional coordinators by e-mails.

In the implementation process are involved: experts from different field of healt, regional coordinators, members of school teams, teachers, pupils, parents...



### Cooperation with partners

- Cooperation with NGO's and other partners through the process of the development of materials, promotion, education and implementation of their projects /programs through HPS.
- Also with recommendations of Ministry of Health: Cooking and All That!,
  Bicycle Train and Walking Bus; Sport is Fun; Water Wins, How to Support a
  Grieving Child (Hospic) ...



### Cooperation with health workers

All schools at national level cooperate a lot with primary health system – local Health Centers (school doctors, nurses, dentists, psychologists, physiotherapists, kinesiologists, dietitians...) - activities/ lectures/ workshops/projects for children, teachers and parents.

- Sistematicaly check-ups with health education in Health Centers (every 2 years).
- Health education in-depth at schools in all classes (every year).

#### Primary schools:

Contents: healthy habits, healthy nutrition, physical activity, growing up and sexual education, mental health (self-image) and interpersonal relationships, dental care...

#### Secondary schools:

More focused at: sexual education, mental health (self-image and body-image), prevention of addiction, prevention of cancer (brest self-examination, HPV, sun protection)...

- Other activities according to the needs of the schools (lectures, workshops).
- Representatives from local Health Centers are members of a school team at HPS.



### Evaluation of school health promotion

HPS self-report: online questionnaire for planning and evaluation of tasks / projects (at the end of school year).

Regional reports for school year (october/november) – feet back to schools.

National report for school year (december) – report to MH, webside of SNHPS.

Questionnaire SHE rapid assessment tool – Criterias for HPS (every 3-4 years) – adapted to SLO situation.

Regular regional meetings - presentations of examples of good practices, discussions about tasks, problems, successes ... feed-back of their work.



### What works – recommendations

Regional meetings - additional trainings and education, exchange of experiences, examples of good practices, discussion in small groups ... At least once per year are hosts of regional meetings also HPS.

Co-working with regional coordinators (National Advisory Board)- designing a national program of SNHPS, enthusiastic and personal approach to schools.

Well-prepared seminars (programs) - lecturers, manuals of HP/HE contents, materials, didactic devices (practical and transferable knowledge into a school practice).

**Networking** - the dissemination of good practices and cooperation with other institutions (NGO).

National /WHO, SHE guidelines for HP.



# What is important ... and has to be improved

Cooperation between different sectors (political/personnel changes).

Bureaucracy at schools.

**Teacher's status -** a reflection of society, lack of interest for additional work.

Integration of health contents into the curriculum – no subject for HE (at national level), contents within some subjects, depends of teacher's awareness and personal orientation ...



## The National report of school activities 2017/18 - (Self-evalvation reported by school team)

ON-LINE REPORTED DATA FROM 321 SCHOOLS (86 % OF ALL HPS)

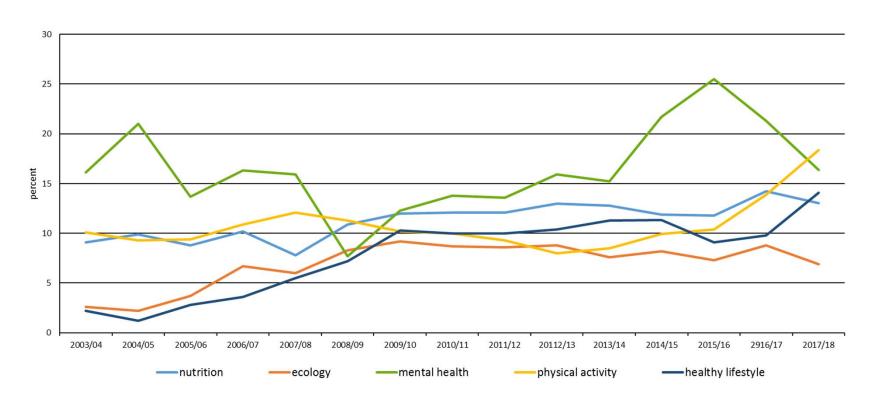
- 3465 DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES 2/3 CREATED AT SCHOOLS, 1/3 PROGRAMS DISSEMINATED FROM NIJZ
- 96 % SCHOOLS WORKED AT THE LEADING THEMES THE MAIN METHODS: PRACTICAL WORK, LEACTURE
- 81 % SCHOOLS HAVE HEALTH POLICY INCLUDED IN ANNUAL OR EDUCATIONAL WORK PLAN
- 85 % OF SCHOOL TEAMS HAVE 2-3 MEETINGS PER YEAR
- 93 % OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND 87 % IMPLEMENTATION OF NIJZ PROGRAMS AT REGIONAL MEETINGS WERE ASSESED AS SUCCESSFUL OR VERY SUCCESSFUL

AS THE MOST IMPORTANT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF HP: ALL TEACHERS ESSTIMATED SUPPORT OF THE HEADMASTER, INTERESTING CONTENTS, WELL PREPARED PROGRAMS, EDUCATIONAL TRAININGS, COMPETENT TEACHERS ...

ALSO IMORTANT: ENOUGH TIME, INCLUSION OF HEALTH RELATED TASKS IN THE CURICULUM, AVAILABILITY OF MANUALS AND OTHER DIDACTIC MATERIALS.



## The most common contents in school activities over the last 15 years



## Dissemination of NIJZ programs at schools -2017/18 (321 schools, 130.624 pupils, 14.127 teachers)

PROGRAMS/ CONTENTS	NUMBER OF PERFORMANC ES	NUMBER OF PUPILS INVOLVED	NUMBER OF PARENTS INVOLVED	NUMBER OF TEACHERS INVOLVED
PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES	289	96.085	32.574	9.073
HEALTHY EATING	273	83.589	24.231	7.512
PROMOTION OF MENTAL HEALTH	171	34.839	11.753	3.466
THAT'S ME!	134	19.052	4.167	1.312
SEX EDUCATION	103	8.223	1.469	607
COPING WITH STRESS	90	15.473	3.030	1.522
EATING DISORDERS	79	9.195	3.551	995

### The Implementation of Health Promotion at Schools

(The NIJZ research, 2016)

On-line questionare (2013), response: 318 shools (51% of all Slovenian schools); 57% HPS

#### THE MAIN FINDINGS:

THE MAJORITY OF SCHOOLS INCLUDE CONTENTS OF HEALTH IN THEIR WORK AND CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES 75 % SCHOOLS WISH MORE SYSTEMATIC GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT BY RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTIONS (OTHER SCHOOLS MUCH MORE THAN HPS!)

#### **OBSTACLES:**

57% SCHOOLS WISH MORE KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICAL SKILLS, GUIDELINES, THEY ARE TO OCCUPATED WITH OTHER OBLIGATIONS, LACK OF FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES

FOR BETTER INTEGRATION OF HEALTH INTO THEIR WORK TEACHERS PROPOSE: SYSTEMATIC REGULATION OF THIS AREA, EVALUATED PROGRAMS AND PRE-PREPAIRED LESSONS ON DIFFERENT TOPICS, GUIDELINES FOR INCLUDING HEALTH INTO SCHOOL CURRICULUM

#### **HPS REPORTED:**

THE IMPACT OF PROJECT WAS GREAT (INCLUDING THE PERIOD OF LAST 20 YEARS AND LAST COUPLE OF YEARS)
THE MOST HPS HAVE ACHIEVED GOALS COMPLETLY OR AT LEAST PARTLY
THE MOST HPS WERE SETISFIELD WITH NIJZ COORDINATION (REGIONAL AND NACIONAL)
TEACHERS ESSTIMATED AS ADDED VALUE OF HPS: GREATER AWARENESS AMONG PUPILS AND TEACHERS,
ADDITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, PRACTICAL SKILLS, MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE OF PUPILS TO HEALTH...
HPS INTRODUCE SEVERAL HP/HE PROGRAMS, GREATER EMPHASIS ON HEALTH IN THE CURRICULUM, MORE
CONTENTS OF HEALTH IN FREE TIME ACTIVITIES, BETTER CO-OPERATION WITH HEALTH INSTITUTES (SPECIALLY WITH REGIONAL INSTITUTES NIJZ), ETC....



### What would facilitate the integration of health at schools?

The Implementation of HP in School Settings, NIJZ report, 2016 (on-line questionnaire (2013); response: 318 (51% of all Slovenian schools), 57% HPS

- INTEGRATION OF HEALTH CONTENTS INTO THE CURRICULUM
- NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR DIFFERENT HEALTH AREAS
- COOPERATION WITH REGIONAL COORDINTORS
- ADDITIONAL TRAININGS AND EDUCATION AT REGIONAL MEETINGS
- MANUALS WITH HP/HE CONTENTS, MATERIALS, DIDACTIC DEVICES
- THE DISSEMINATION OF GOOD PRACTICES AND COOPERATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

#### **HPS IDENTIFIED:**

- GREATER PROGRESS MADE IN AWARENESS RAISING AND MORE POSSITIVE HABITS TOWARDS
  HEALTH AMONG PUPILS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS; BETTER INTERACTIONS, MORE SYSTEMATIC
  MANAGEMENT OF THE ACTIVITIES, MANY IDEAS FOR NEW PROJECTS.
- THE MOST IMPORTANT CONTENTS: HEATHY EATING, PREVENTION OF BULLING, PERSONAL GROWTH, POSITIVE SELF-ESTEEM, PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES, AWARENESS OF CHEMICAL AND NON CHEMICAL ADDICTION, PROBLEM SOLVING ...



#### **SNHPS - THE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

HPS as opportunity for intersectoral cooperation (health, education, social affairs, agriculture...); support for implementation of national and international strategies/programs.

HPS offer a systematic approach and a common program at the national level – we wish more lessons for health contents in the curriculum.

Education of teachers and dissemination of evaluated programs, manuals for health/HP.

National, regional and school coordination - national program and education at regional meetings with HPS.

New expansion of SNHPS in the school year 2020/2021...?



# THE MODEL OF HEALTHY LIFE-STYLE 2008-2010/2014

### The contents:

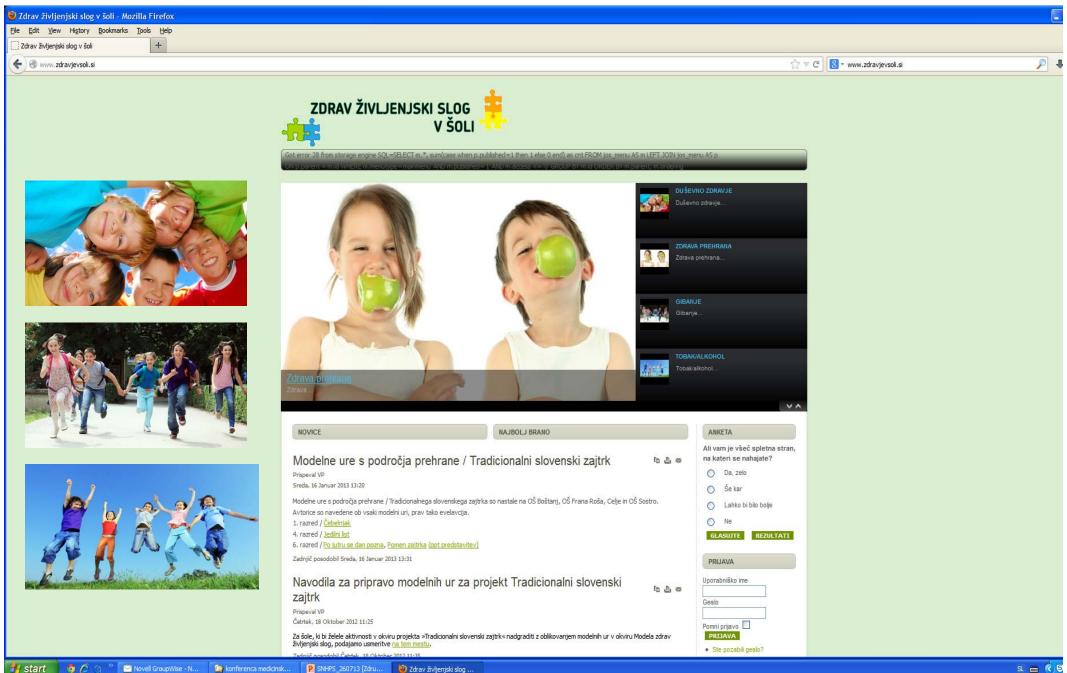
- healthy eating
- physical activities
- mental health
- tobacco, alcohol
- 60 pilot lessons





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Greetings from Slovenia!





